GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IMPOSITION OF TOLL TAX ON THE USERS OF FOUR LANE ROADS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total length of four lane roads in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to impose toll-tax on the users of four lane roads in the country;

(c) if so, the names of the States where toll-tax on four-lane roads has already been imposed;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to sign a contract with private companies for recovery of toll-tax from the users of four lane roads; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) The State-wise details of total length of four lane roads in the country are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) The National Highways Act, 1956 empowers the Central Government to levy users fee on sections of National Highways including four lane sections. Presently users fee is levied on four lane roads in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal.

(d) & (e) The National Highways Authority of India has been directed to bring four lane sections under OMT(Operate, Maintain and Transfer) contracts under which the Concessionaires are authorized to collect the user fee.